



# United States Military Academy

## Invitational Academic Workshop

### General Information

#### The Program in General

The workshop gets into full swing Thursday afternoon with round-robin activities and a get-acquainted mixer. Friday through Wednesday are devoted to orientations and the courses you have chosen. During the week there will be athletic, recreational, and evening activities. You will each get a chance to take the Physical Aptitude Exam during the week as well. After a short closing ceremony on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., you may plan on departing West Point at about 11:30 a.m.

#### Directions to West Point

a. BY AIR: Free Military Academy buses will depart periodically from Stewart International Airport for the Reception Center at West Point. Cadets will be posted at the arrival area at Stewart to guide students to the bus. *There is no free transportation service* from Kennedy, LaGuardia, or Newark airports. Shortline bus and limousine service is available between those airports, Port Authority Bus Terminal, and West Point. Call (800) 631-8405 for rates and time schedules. Rail service is also available on Metro-North from New York City to Garrison, NY. Call (800) Metro-Info for rates and schedules. However, for safety and accountability reasons, we recommend you make travel arrangements using Stewart International Airport if possible.

b. BY AUTOMOBILE: (See map enclosed.) From Newburgh, N.Y. take Route 9W South to West Point. From New York City take the George Washington Bridge to the Palisades Parkway North. Signs for West Point are clearly marked on both 9W and the Palisades Parkway. Parking is available at the Clinton Field lot adjacent to the Cadet Parade Field. You may enter through Thayer Gate or Stony Lonesome Gate only. The automobile driver and all occupants over the age of 14 must have a valid photo identification (driver's license will be sufficient) to enter the Academy.

#### Arrival and Departure

The Workshop Reception Center, located in Bradley Barracks, will be open from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on 3 and 10 June. Parents arriving by car may drop off their students at Clinton Field, near Trophy Point.

After a closing ceremony on Wednesday, the USMA Invitational Academic Workshop will terminate. Parents are invited to attend the ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in Robinson Auditorium of Thayer Hall. Parking on Friday for the closing ceremony will be available at Clinton Field, near Trophy Point. Please advise your parents to allow twenty minutes to park and walk to the closing ceremony. Free Military Academy buses will be available to return students and their baggage to Stewart International Airport after the ceremony. Please schedule flights departing after 1 p.m. from Stewart. Students/parents departing by car can meet at Clinton Field to load baggage and depart.

#### What to Bring

You will be too busy for laundry chores, so bring enough clothes for the entire week. The temperatures are usually in the high 70s, or even 80s, with rain showers possible, so the dress will be casual; jeans, slacks, sport shirts, etc. Bring khaki pants, khaki shorts or khaki skirts to wear as a school uniform. There is no need to bring any linen. West Point will provide bed linens, blankets and pillows.

Bring toilet articles and athletic wear, including towels, washcloths, running shoes (sneakers), t-shirts, shorts and swimsuits. During the workshop there will be a casual mixer and a closing ceremony. You should dress accordingly. All participants must have a photo ID with them due to changes in security at USMA. A driver's license or school ID is sufficient.

We recommend that you not bring any excessive amounts of cash because safekeeping facilities may not be available. Souvenir items (clothing, banners, etc.) will be available for purchase.

#### Rooms and Meals

You will be housed in typical cadet dormitories. Men and women will be housed on separate floors. A copy of dorm and department rules that must be observed by all participants is included. Rooms accommodate two to three persons and have desks and sink areas. Shower facilities are centrally located on each floor. You will dine in the Cadet Mess (Washington Hall) for most meals. West Point will issue each attendee two USMA polo shirts to wear to the Cadet Mess and to class with the student's own khaki slacks, pants or skirts.

#### Communications

If you have questions **PRIOR** to the Workshop, you should contact the program coordinator in the Admissions Office at (845) 938-5747/5708.

You will not be able to receive mail because of the short duration of your stay at the Workshop, but will have the opportunity to write if you so desire.

#### Local Accommodations

The following organizations can provide information about hotels/motels in the West Point area for family members if necessary, or if a student is not able to depart on their graduation date.

Orange County Tourism  
(800) 762-8687 or (845) 291-2136  
[www.orangetourism.org](http://www.orangetourism.org)

Dutchess County Tourism  
(800) 445-3131 or (845) 463-4000  
[www.dutchesstourism.com](http://www.dutchesstourism.com)

# Week 1 - Tentative Schedule for the 2004 Invitational Academic Workshop

<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Reception Center Open
<b>June 3rd</b>	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	West Point Tour
	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	IAW Welcome Briefing
	8:00 -10:00 p.m.	Cadet-Student Mixer
<b>Friday</b>	5:45 - 6:30 a.m.	Physical Training
<b>June 4th</b>	8:00 - 8:50 a.m.	Dean's Welcome/Academic Briefing
	9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Workshop 1
	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Afternoon Activities
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Activities (PAE/Boat Ride/Museum Tour)
<b>Saturday</b>	5:45 - 6:30 a.m.	Physical Training
<b>June 5th</b>	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Directorate of Admissions Briefing
	9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Workshop 2
	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Afternoon Activities
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Activities (PAE/Boat Ride/Museum Tour)
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 -12:00 p.m.	Chapel/Brunch
<b>June 6th</b>	12:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Buckner/Military Training
		Round Robin Training
	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Barbecue/Mixer
<b>Monday</b>	5:45 - 6:30 a.m.	Physical Training
<b>June 7th</b>	8:00 - 8:50 a.m.	Commandant's Briefing
	9:00- 3:30 p.m.	Workshop 3
	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Afternoon Activities
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Activities (PAE/Boat Ride/Museum Tour)
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:45 - 6:30 a.m.	Physical Training
<b>June 8th</b>	8:00 - 8:50 a.m.	Honor Briefing
	9:00 a.m-3:30 p.m.	Workshop 4
	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Evening Activities (PAE/Boat Ride/Museum Tour)
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:45-8:50 a.m.	Barracks Clean-up
<b>June 9th</b>	8:00-9:30 a.m.	Graduation Rehearsal
	10:30-11:00.	Graduation Ceremony
	11:00 a.m.	Departure

**\*Week II Schedule identical for dates 10-16 June 2004**



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### Rules of Conduct for Workshop Participants

1. Participants in the USMA Invitational Academic Workshop will be assigned rooms at the beginning of the program. These room assignments can be changed only in unusual circumstances. If a Cadet squad leader should determine two roommates are incompatible or if maintenance of good order warrants, switches in room assignments may be arranged.

2. Depending on the barracks, women participants will be housed either on a separate floor of the dormitory or at opposite ends of the hall from men participants. Men will not be allowed in the women's areas, except for daily daytime inspections by the Cadet Cadre.

3. The basement area is a common area to be used solely for access to the vending machines, phones, and the dayroom where the television and pool tables are located. Access to this area is only from 6:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

4. Bed checks will be made half an hour after the last scheduled evening activity, approximately 11:00 p.m., each night. You may use the bathrooms after 11:00 p.m. Other reasons to leave your room are not anticipated and must be reported to the Cadet-in-Charge of Quarters.

5. West Point will provide two polo shirts to each student for wear in the classroom. Each student will bring his or her own khaki trousers, shorts, or skirts to wear with the issued polo shirts.

6. The Cadet Mess is a family-style dining facility. IAW participants are expected to attend all meals and wear appropriate attire, conducting themselves accordingly.

7. Since the showers are centrally located on each floor, everyone should maintain an appropriate dress when in transit to and from the showers.

8. Common sense dictates against sitting on window sills and throwing things out the windows. "Horse

play" in the barracks could lead to unnecessary injuries and will not be tolerated.

9. Your days will be filled with scheduled activities. No time is available for leaving Academy grounds or for using privately owned vehicles without special permission.

10. There is no maid service, so you will be required to leave your room neat and empty your trash prior to departing for class each day. Beds will be made before classes begin. The Cadet Cadre and Officer-in-Charge will inspect rooms each day.

11. Prior to bed check Saturday night, cadet cadre will ensure that each participant is familiar with building exit routes and evacuation procedures in case of fire.

12. The United States Military Academy at West Point is located on federal grounds. Possession of illegal drugs, weapons, or contraband is in violation of Federal Laws. Violators are subject to prosecution or other disciplinary action. The legal drinking age in the state of New York and the United States Military Academy is 21 years of age. No alcohol is permitted in the barracks at any time.

13. We recommend that each student call home on Thursday afternoon or evening to confirm his/her safe arrival. Public telephones are available in the basement of the dormitories. Students may use their own cell phones as well.

14. You will be participating in a university level academic workshop. You should plan to maintain those standards of behavior expected of college students, especially in the classroom.

15. To insure a most enjoyable experience for each participant, the IAW Project Officer may send home anyone who is unwilling to abide by the above rules.

# Travel to West Point

West Point is located 50 miles north of New York City on the west bank of the Hudson River. Participants in the Invitational Academic Workshop should be arriving by air and should not bring personal automobiles to West Point. Travel information below is provided for those who will be dropped off / picked up by automobile.

When making arrangements to travel by air, we recommend you prearrange any necessary ground transportation prior to your arrival in the West Point area. When traveling in New York City, we remind you to exercise caution, just as you would in any large metropolitan area.

## Using Public/Commercial Transportation:

If you are arriving at *John F. Kennedy Airport, LaGuardia Airport or Newark Airport*, take a bus or limousine service to the Port Authority Bus Terminal or to Grand Central Station for rail service to Garrison, NY. You can obtain names and contact information of the bus/limo companies that serve these airports from each airport's website.

From the *Port Authority Bus Terminal* (PABT) at 41st Street and 8th Avenue in New York City, the Short Line Bus Company services West Point. Travel time by bus from NYC to West Point is approximately three hours. Phone (800) 631-8405 for current schedules and information. As of 30 January 2004, departures from the PABT on weekdays are at 8:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 2:40 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Departures from West Point on weekdays are at 7:23 a.m., 8:33 a.m., 11:04 a.m., 2:58 p.m. and 5:04 p.m. You may also travel by rail using the Metro-North line. Rail service is from Grand Central Station to Garrison daily. Garrison is approximately 20 minutes from West Point. West Point will provide transportation from Garrison to West Point of requested.

## Traveling by automobile:

Consult the map on the reverse for routes. All IAW attendees traveling by automobile must enter through Thayer Gate. The driver and all passengers over the age of 14 must have a photo ID. Due to heightened security, your vehicle may be searched by Military Police. For those who are traveling from an airport and are unfamiliar with the metropolitan area, we recommend that you obtain a more detailed map, if possible. You may also find travel assistance available through automobile or internet services.

From *LaGuardia and JFK airports*, take the Grand Central Parkway (note: some parkways are not shown on the map due to space constraints) to the Triborough Bridge. Signs will say "Bronx, Upstate New York, New England -- Left Lanes" (far left lane is EZ Pass only, however). Follow signs to the Major

Deegan Expressway. Again, signs will say "Deegan Expressway, NYS Thruway, George Washington Bridge -- Left Lanes". Your entrance to the Major Deegan will be exit 47, "North 87, NYS Thruway, Major Deegan". Once on the Major Deegan, take exit 7, "Cross Bronx Expressway, George Washington Bridge, Throgs Neck Bridge -- 2 Right Lanes", but stay in the LEFT of the two lanes on the ramp, following the signs for "95 South, George Washington Bridge". Additional traffic from the Cross Bronx Expressway will join you from the left, then your lane will end and you will need to merge left. Follow signs to "George Washington Bridge UPPER LEVEL". Initially, you will need to be in the two left lanes (signs will also say "To New Jersey") in order to get to the upper level, but once on the bridge, you will need the right lane for the exit to Palisades Parkway North. Once on the Palisades Parkway, follow instructions below.

Alternative route from *LaGuardia or JFK*: take the Whitestone or Throgs Neck Bridge across the East River, then take the Cross Bronx Expressway to the Bronx River Parkway north. Take the Bronx River Parkway to the left fork for the Sprain Brook Parkway. Follow the Sprain Brook to Route 287, left exit to the Tappan Zee Bridge and Interstate 87 (NY State Thruway). Over bridge, take exit 13N onto the Palisades Parkway. (This route is NOT recommended, as the Cross Bronx is difficult to navigate and support facilities are limited.)

From *Newark Airport* to West Point, take 95N/New Jersey Turnpike North to Exit 18 (Fort Lee, NJ). After final toll, continue on the expressway, but be on the lookout for a large sign for the George Washington Bridge. Follow signs to get onto Palisades Parkway North.

Alternative route from *Newark*: take Interstate 78 West to the Garden State Parkway. Take the Garden State north to the end and follow signs for the New York State Thruway. Take exit 13N onto the Palisades Parkway north.

On the *Palisades Parkway*, drive about 40 miles north (from the 87/Thruway interchange) to the Bear Mountain traffic circle (just west of the Bear Mountain Bridge). Take third cutoff to Route 9W Northbound (Newburgh/West Point). Pass through Fort Montgomery, then take first West Point exit. Pass through Highland Falls to West Point's Thayer Gate. Have photo ID available at Main Gate security checkpoint. Be advised due to increased security, your car may be searched upon entry into the Academy grounds.



# TRAVEL ROUTES TO WEST POINT

